

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's Amendment to the Abstract to remove the legal phraseology "comprising" and "comprises." Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the Examiner's Amendment to the Abstract is inconsistent with the claims. For example, claim 1 recites "forming a metal comprising layer" rather than a metal layer. Applicants, therefore, have further amended the Abstract to be consistent with the specification and allowed claims. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,

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